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SELECTMEN PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES MONDAY, JUNE 4, 2012 APPROVED 06-19-12

Chairman Jim O'Brien called a regularly scheduled business meeting of the Board of Selectmen to order at 5:42 PM on Monday, June 4, 2012.

Present:

Jim O'Brien, Chairman
Tom Congoran, Selectman (arriving at 5:47 pm)
Bryan Pellerin, Selectman
Denis Goddard, Selectman
Robin Buchanan, Administrative Assessing Assistant

Absent: George Langwasser and Neal Cass

Public present: Marion Paxton, Kathy Millis, Merle Dustin, Janet Krzyzaniak, Ron Klemarczyk, and Ken Wilkens

I. ADMINISTRATIVE

Selectmen Pellerin made a motion to accept the Consent Agenda as written. Selectmen Goddard seconded the motion.

VOTE: O'Brien, Pellerin and Goddard
voting in favor of the motion; no votes
against. Motion passes, 3-0.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Board reviewed the minutes of the Public Meeting of May 21, 2012. Selectman Pellerin made a motion, seconded by Selectman Goddard to approve the minutes of the Public Meeting. Corrections: 2nd page, 3rd paragraph change "officer" to "officers". A discussion ensued with regards to the Public Forum comments. Selectmen Goddard wanted to add that Public Works would check on the condition of the gazebo. Selectmen Pellerin felt it was not necessary to add as it was implied.

VOTE: O'Brien and Pellerin voting
in favor of the motion; no votes
against; Goddard abstaining; motion
passes 2-0-1.

III. PUBLIC APPOINTMENTS

Jason LaCombe is in to answer any questions the Board has with regards to his conceptual design for the town hall. Chairmen O'Brien inquired if the work could be done in stages. Mr. LaCombe indicated that

once the bathrooms are improved, it would create a domino effect, as the bathrooms would require space from Planning/Zoning, which would require putting it somewhere else. He also stated the Planning/Zoning area has lots of infrastructure. Phasing in would be very difficult. Discussion ensued with regards to having only one bathroom. Mr. LaCombe stated code doesn't allow it for a building this size.

Mr. LaCombe did state the possibility of utilizing the upstairs, noting that if it is "space for staff only", we would not have to install an elevator. Mrs. Krzyzaniak inquired if all areas had to be accessible to the public. Mr. LaCombe stated that because it is a historic building we have a little wiggle room. We have to make reasonable accommodations.

A discussion ensued with regards to reclaiming some of the space within the meeting area, the costs and how much space is needed.

At 6:15 pm, Chairmen O'Brien opened the Public Hearing on extended the Emergency Lane on Perch Lane.

Kathy Mills stated that 124 Perch Lane will soon be her permanent residence and would like the Board to extend the emergency lane plowing from 78 to 124. The Town currently plows to 78 and 124 is the last house on the road. Ms. Mills stated that everyone on road has access to a plowed road but she does not. She further stated that her sister died in a fire at the same location.

Chairmen O'Brien asked for other public comment. As there was none, Chairmen O'Brien closed the Public Hearing at 6:21 pm.

Selectmen Pellerin stated the Board has the framework and guidelines for emergency lanes and he feels this doesn't meet the requirements.

Selectmen Congoran asked what the cost of plowing further? He is hard pressed to see why it shouldn't be done.

A discussion ensued as to the procedure used when the other roads were declared Emergency Lanes, specifically was everyone notified by mail. Chairmen O'Brien asked Robin to have Neal check this. Janet Krzyzaniak noted that a Public Hearing was held before Town Meeting so that the town would not discuss again at town meeting as it was often a long discussion that came up every year.

The Board asked Ms. Mills to return in two weeks as they felt they need more time to gather information. Ms. Mills agreed to return in two weeks.

IV. PUBLIC FORUM

Merle Dustin stated the inside of the gazebo needs to be cleaned. She also stated that the lights are on during the day and that a faceplate needs to be replaced.

V. OLD BUSINESS

Spring Street Intersection-The Board has received a letter from Ron Klemarczyk with regards to the paving on Spring Street. Mr. Klemarczyk was present and explained that he has spoke with John Thayer about the issue and it has been resolved. Mr. Klemarczk will grant an easement for use of the triangle on Spring Street. The Board will have Mr. Cass draft the easement.

Flood Control Update-Chairmen O'Brien updated the Board on the Flood Control issue, noting that the language was changed so that the State does not have to pay back the past years (2) as it felt it was unable to do so. However, moving forward the State will pay the towns involved and not wait for Massachusetts to pay before issuing payment.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

Engineering Recommendations-Selectmen Pellerin noted that he attended a Road Committee meeting where the discussion involved culvert design, wetland maps, etc. He further stated that Mr. Cass was going to present those recommendations tonight. Chairmen O'Brien asked that this be placed on the agenda for June 18, 2012.

Year to date Budget-As Mr. Cass is out tonight, Chairmen O'Brien asked that this be placed on the agenda for June 18, 2012.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

Ken Wilkens, in regards to the Emergency Lane, stated the Selectmen should drive Perch Lane so that they can see the situation for themselves.

There being no further business, motion by Selectman Congoran, seconded by Selectman Pellerin to adjourn the meeting.

VOTE: O'Brien, Pellerin, Goddard
and Congoran voting in favor of the
motion; no votes against; motion passes;
4-0.

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Buchanan
Administrative Assessing Assistant

These minutes are not official until approved by the Board of Selectmen at their meeting.